

House Bill 105

By: Representatives Fludd of the 66th and Millar of the 79th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for accurate and complete electronic format versions of certain textbooks; to provide for supplying copies of electronic text versions of certain textbooks to local boards of education upon request; to authorize local boards of education to provide electronic versions of textbooks to schools and students; to provide for payment; to provide for construction; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by striking Code Section 20-2-1015, relating to electronic format versions of textbooks recommended by the State Board of Education, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"20-2-1015.

~~The publisher of a textbook recommended by the State Board of Education shall provide an electronic format version of such textbook.~~ For each textbook or new edition of a textbook recommended by the State Board of Education after July 1, 2005, the publisher shall make available an accurate and complete electronic version of such textbook. Upon request from any local board of education, the State Board of Education shall provide a copy of such an electronic format version to such local board of education. Local boards of education are authorized to provide electronic format versions of textbooks to local schools and students. This Code section shall not be construed to authorize the State Board of Education or any local board of education to infringe the copyright or other intellectual property rights for any textbook. The local board of education shall decide whether to pay for the cost of the electronic textbook or to require the student or parent to pay for the cost of the electronic textbook."

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- SECTION 2.
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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.